

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 21-0910V

JENNIFER HAMILTON,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

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William E. Cochran, Jr., Black McLaren Jones Ryland & Griffee, P.C., Memphis, TN , for Petitioner.

Mark Kim Hellie, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

On February 10, 2021, Jennifer Hamilton filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) following an influenza vaccination she received on November 11, 2019. Petition at ¶ 1. Petitioner further alleges that her SIRVA symptoms have persisted for longer than six months. Petition at ¶ 13. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On October 7, 2024, Respondent filed his Amended Rule 4(c) report in which he states that he does not contest that Petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case.

¹ Because this Ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action taken in this case, it must be made publicly accessible and will be posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, and/or at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscourts/national/cofc>, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2018) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Ruling will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2018).

Respondent's Amended Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Respondent states that "in light of the Court's Findings of Fact and the medical record evidence submitted in this case," "Petitioner suffered a SIRVA as defined by the Vaccine Injury Table". *Id.* at 4. Respondent further agrees that "based on the record as it now stands and subject to his right to appeal the Findings of Fact, Respondent does not dispute that Petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Act." *Id.*

In view of Respondent's position and the evidence of record, I find that Petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran
Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master